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**This month's Exploration Day – Endangered Species Day**

ABILENE, TEXAS –Saturday, Aug. 8, will be the last Exploration Day of the summer at the Abilene Zoo! This month's theme is Endangered Species Day, and activities will focus around some endangered animals in the zoo's collection.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Abilene Zoo's Zoo Teens will offer a slate of outdoor hands-on activities centered around conservation for snakes, frogs and the black rhino.

The event is free with zoo admission

While visiting, be sure to check out the new Wildlife Carousel and lemonade stand. All proceeds go back into supporting the zoo!

**About the Abilene Zoo:**

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals of 250 different species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30.

[www.abilenezoo.org](http://www.abilenezoo.org). 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.

**Mission Statement:** *The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.*